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1. Mrinal Kanti Bose, General Secretary of the United Trade Union Congress (UTUC), and member of the General Council of United Socialists, and R. S. Ruiker, head of the United Socialist Organization, refused a request by S. A. Dange to observe 30 July 1950 as "Hands off Korea Day." S. A. Dange is Secretary General of the All India Trade Union Congress.
2. Bose and Ruiker, however, agreed to support a program of leftist unity with the Communist Party of India (CPI), if Dange would make a public declaration that the CPI will not try to dominate the other organizations. Bose believes it likely that Dange will make this statement.
3. K. T. Shah, President of the United Trade Union Congress and member of the Constituent Assembly, has drafted a program for a United Leftist opposition in Parliament. All leftists, including the Narain Socialists and the CPI are supporting this draft. They are holding a conference in New Delhi on 5-7 August to discuss the draft and the possibility of a merger of all leftist parties before the general election in India.

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